

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – May 19, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED:

That the Fayette County Commissioners of Fayette County, State of Indiana, met in regular scheduled session on the above date at 2:00 P.M. with the following present: Commissioners, Tracie Bever, and Dale Strong, and First Deputy Auditor Haylee Weston and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State.

Commissioner Bever called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Strong moved to approve the minutes of May 6th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 2-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SURVEYOR:

Bill Macke shared that there was a misprint on the front of the original contract that was presented last meeting. He stated that he is submitting a corrected version to INDOT and will be bringing the corrected contract to the next meeting for the right of ways for bridge 533.

AREA PLANNING:

Bill MacDaniel is requesting that Commissioners will waive builder permit fees on behalf of OCRA grant recipients.

Commissioner Strong moved to approve the waiving of all county permit fees associated with OCRA grant program, seconded by Commissioner Bever, and motion carried 2-0.

HIGHWAY:

Chris Gettinger presented an annual report for Commissioners to sign.

The County was tagged on three railroads from INDOT inspections. He updated that he has been addressing the issues that were flagged and has been staying in communication with INDOT on progress.

Chris updated that the Highway Department has started the process of using hot mix to patch roads.

MAINTENANCE:

Josh Jarboe shared an update on the work that the maintenance department has been doing. This work includes painting, lighting, and water heater issues being addressed at the jail.

He shared that the air handler at the ANEX is scheduled to be town out tomorrow, May 20th, and that the new air handler is expected to be functional by the end of the week.

Jarboe shared that POWELLS plumbing is scheduled to be on site next week and they will be starting the water softener instillation process.

Jarboe and his team have nearly completed the instillation process of the new showers at Community Corrections and anticipate that being completed by end of day. While they are changing the showers, they are also changing faucet hook ups in hopes for long term savings.

Commissioner Dale Strong and Josh Jarboe walked the old hospital to get a game plan set up to move the equipment that is being given to the County.

Jarboe has been going to the animal shelter on a regular basis to assist Dave Ryckman in his maintenance needs of the facility. He has put in a tank less water heater, tore out the bathroom, moved electrical and are going to be repainting and housekeeping.

Jarboe shared that while POWELLS is here next week there is a plan in place to train Matt Sherek on how to use the generator in case he needs reset it in the future.

Jarboe is requesting permission to purchase a new lawn mower due to rusting and wear and tear. Jarboe shared that their current mower looks like a "hot rod" due to it missing its green cover and rusting out at the bottom. Jarboe has made all attempt possible to make the mower last including having an employee tape the mower back together. Jarboe stated, "It happened on Friday when we were mowing. It got stuck in gear and almost went into Ryans office. That is a lot of weight moving that way. When you have Zaine on top of the lawn mower, plus the heavy lawn mower, it looked like Donkey Kong."

Commissioner Dale Strong told Jarboe to collect prices and bring them back to Commissioners.

PROBATION:

Ryan Siggers is requesting approval to apply for a grant through the Drug Coalition in the amount of \$1,591.74 that would cover the cost of one box of instant drug screens per month.

Commissioner Strong made a motion to give permission to apply for the grant through the Fayette County Drug Coalition in the amount of \$1,591.74, Seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 2-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

No council representative was present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bever made a motion to table library board appointments to the June 2nd meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Strong, motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bever notified that the June 2nd meeting will include department head appointments for: 911, animal shelter, area plan director, EMA, health department, highway, IT, maintenance, and VSO.

PATRON CONCERNS:

Discussion was held with James Thomas as he came to ask for an update on the VSO position vacancy.

Discussion was held with Jerry May as he shared his concerns about the position being filled. Geoff Wesling shared the Commissioners plan for that position to be filled as of the June 2nd meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the 2026 primary election.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

Commissioner Strong moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, and motion carried 2-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Strong moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, and motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Dale Munson
Dale Munson, President
Dale H. Strong
Dale Strong

Tracie Bever, Vice-President
Jane Downard
Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor